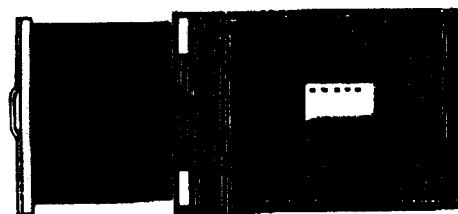


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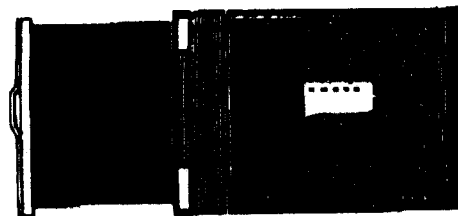
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January 24, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Our opinion regarding the Microsoft issue is that it is a very competitive company and has been successful because of its contribution and accomplishments.

I have an issue with the roll of Lobbyist or rather the lack of, has played in this issue. The issue began with the decision by one Judge, the result of that decision began the spiral downward of the stock market and was an intervention in the free enterprise system.

I feel the settlement reached in November is fair and that Microsoft should remain as a company. This settlement will benefit the economy and consumers. I feel this settlement serves in the best interest.

We support and admire your strong leadership. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

W.H. Milstead

